

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3092 - HB 3251

February 8, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Medical Examiners enter into a written agreement with the United States Office of Homeland Security to enforce federal immigration laws relating to the licensure of foreign physicians, including use of the federal systematic alien verification of entitlements (SAVE) program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$500/Board of Medical Examiners

Assumptions:

- There will not be a fiscal impact to contract with the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, but the Board will be charged a monthly fee of \$25 which covers 17 queries of the SAVE program. Any queries beyond 17 within a month will result in an additional charge of approximately \$1.50 per query.
- The Board receives approximately 30 applications from foreign born physicians whose immigration status would be verified, resulting in an additional increase in monthly expenditures of \$19.50 $[(30-17) \times \$1.50]$.
- The total increase per year in expenditures to the Board to verify the immigration status of 30 applications a month is \$534 $[(\$25 + \$19.50) \times 12 \text{ months}]$.
- The increase in expenditures of \$534 can be handled within the existing resources of the Board without an increase in fees.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a balance of \$108,302.81. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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